(b) if so, what progress has been made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

RBI warning against financial deregulation and liberalisation

915 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has warned Government against financial deregulation and liberalisation; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the Bank's suggestion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Trade with USSR

916. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed 300 per cent added value to the exports of non-traditional goods to the USSR,

(b) if so, what is the existing export to the USSR of non-traditional goods stating the major items of exports and the major items of imports from the USSR against the exports,

(c) what are the reasons to jack up the added value from the present level; and

(d) what is the likely impact of the decision on the overall trade with the USSR?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL) (a) No, Sir, there is no such across the board norm of 300 per cent value addition for all non-traditional exports to the USSR

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Stoppage of letters of credit by State Bank of India for import of capital goods for electronics industry

917. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of India has stopped issuing letters of credit for the import of capital goods and raw materials for the electronics industry and that the nationalised banks propose to follow suit;

(b) if so, what are the compulsions for taking such a decision;

(c) whether Government have critically examined the resultant impact of a generalised ban on imports on the modernisation of industry in the country;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof, and

(e) whether Government propose to reconsider the decision?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) State Bank of India have reported that they have not altogether stopped opening Letters of Credit for the import of capital goods However, as a step towards conservation of foreign exchange in the wake of the current balance of payments position, RBI have advised the banks not to provide Rupee Term Loans for the import of capital goods and to direct importers to the financial institutions for routing the imports through